(d)) whether any steps have been taken to root out corruption from this organisation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE iN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI); (a) to (c) Government had reveived a complaint regarding alleged demand of bribe by an Inspector of New India Assurance Company Limited, New Delhi. The matte$_r$ was enquired into but the allegations were not substantiated on enquiry.

There wer$_e$ also some other complaints regarding the functioning of th$_e$ offices of ihe Company at Allahabad. These com-pfaints were also thoroughly enquired into but could not be substantiated.

(d) There are various inbuilt checks within the organisation like Internal Audit| VKlance Department which keep a strict watch on the working of the offices of the Company. Any financial or other irregularities which are either detected or brought to the notice of the management by any source whether from within or outside the Company, ar$_e$ thoroughly enquired and looked into by the concerned department and action taken as per the Company's rules. In addition to this, the Insurance Division $_0$f the Ministry of Finance has a system of obtaining quarterly progress reports and an annual pogramme of vigilance action. This involves regular follow up and all efforts are mad$_e$ to ensure tbat irregularities of any kind °r corrupt practices are detected and prompt corrective action and where accessary punitive action, taken.

Raids at the Office an* Residential pemises of the Managing Director of SBI

1281. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether raid$_s$ were conducted at the office and residential premises at Delhi and 916 RS -<((_:

Bombay of Shri A. S. Puri, Managina Director of the State Bank of India sometime in rhe month of May, 1986;

(b) if so, what was the outcome thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter; and

(c) whether similar raids were conducted at the residential and office premises Of other high ranking bank official"! recently; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Central Bureau of Investigation has reported that "l has registered $_a$ regular case u/s 120 BI/w5(2)/5(l) (d) of PC Act, 1947, 165 IPC and Sub. Offences u/s 5(2) r/w 5(1) (d) of PC Act, 1947 and 165 IPC against Shri A. S. Puri and others for investigation.

(c) No, Sir.

Management of the Holy Vaishno Devi Shrine

1282. SHRI D B. CHANDRA GOWDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether Central Government hav-' received any complaints about the allege I misappropriation and misuse of assets of a public trust created by the people of Katra Vaishno Devi for the benefits of visitors and pilgrims of Vaishno Devi;

(b) jf so, what 'action has been taken by the Central Government on $_s$uch compIaints;

(c) whether Government propose to take over the control of the Holy Vaishno Devi shrine as a large numher of tourists visits the place every year; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does «>ot arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Subscriptions, contributions and aid given ln foreign excnange by lndia

1283. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA;

SHRi SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

WUl the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the details of the subscriptions, contributions and aid given m foreign exchange by India during the last three years, showing (i) the names of the Ministry and State Union Territories which dealt with the matter in each case; (ii)the name of the foreign country to which it was given; (iii) toe reasons for giving the aid, etc.; (iv) the date on which the foreign, exchange was given; (v) the number of cases where such con-iributions have been discontinued, giving easons therefor; and (vi) toe names of ihe new parties entertained or accepted during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (i) to(vi) The information ig being collected and will be U>id on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Import of robber by STC

1284. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO;

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state.-

(a) whether there is any plan for Importing substantial quantities of rubber by the State Trading Corporation during 1986-87;

(b) if so, what 's the target for impart af rubber and toe price at which rubber is proposed to be imported; and

(c) whether the import 0f rubber is necessaiy to meet 'h© requirements of the domestic market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRV OF COMMERCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Natural rubber is being imported through the STC. The quantum of imports during 1986-87 will depend mainly on the demand-supply gap, which as per present assessment ia around 40,000 tonnes. Imports take plac» at prevailing international market prices.

(c) Yes, Sir,

Arms licence for Bank employees

1285. SHRI J.P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) wnether the bank employees have been requested ^ obtain arms licence;

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(b) if so, what are the areas in the country where such a scheme has bce* int'oduced and when it has been introduc ed;

(c) what has been the response of the bank employees to the proposal;

(d) whether Government propose to provide them arms at concessional rates; and

(e) if not, what ve the reasons there-for and whether this is the main reason for lack of enthusiasm among bank employees in availing of licences for toe possession of weapons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAN-ARDHAN POOJARI); (a) and (b) Taking into account the vulnerability of fhe"" branches, the banks take steps to post armed guards and to obtain arm? licences